

After Seven Years of Darkness, Athletics Are Expected to Come Out Into the Light

A'S '22 EDITION LOOKS BETTER THAN IN YEARS; SHOULD QUIT CELLAR

Mack Expects His Hurlers to Bring Club Higher Than Last Place for a Change—He Has Five Veteran Pitchers and Eight Prospects

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

HAVING established an American League record which is likely to stand for all time, the Athletics are down here on the dry side of the Rio Grande trying to correct their mistakes of the past and step out as a regular ball club on April 12.



CONNIE MACK, veteran outfielder, came here in the Dugan deal and will prove to be a very handy person.

Connie Mack is anxious to finish a patch or two higher in the pennant race just to see how it feels. He never has had a mediocre ball club. In 1914 he won the pennant. He has been in eighth place ever since.

The team manager has been working hard all these years and used up more than 4000 players in the process. A new bunch of players would be shipped South every year and it was a case of starting all over again.

THERE are a few youngsters who have shown up well, but none has a chance to replace the veterans.

Connie Expects to Carry Ten Pitchers

MANAGER MACK'S pitching staff got off to a bad start and the men were nursing sore arms after the first week. This was because they took a practice game too seriously and tried to put too much on the ball.

The pitchers, however, looked better after their experience. Much is expected of them this year, for Connie has been experimenting long enough. He has five veterans and eight prospects, and hopes to carry ten pitchers this season.



HENRY SCHEER

Lefty Helmech, who joined the club at the end of last season, has attracted some attention here and is likely to stick. Sullivan, of Moline, also looks good, and Yarrison, who was purchased from Rocky Mount, has made more of a hit than any one.

There will be no difficulty in selecting the catchers. Ralph Perkins will be the chief and will have as back-ups Johnny Berger and other Johnny Walker or Furman. The latter is slightly over weight, but is working it off.

JOHANN BERGER is a Philadelphia boy and played with the Lake Charles club for two years.

Johnston to Get Call at First Base

THE infield at present looks like Johnston, first base; Calloway, shortstop; and Chick Galloway, third. Barrett also is trying for the short field, but Calloway has done the better work thus far.

Johnston should steady the inner works and do some good playing around the initial sack. Connie has tried out several men since McInnis was sold, but none made good.

Tejkes has improved and Galloway looks like one of the best fielding third basemen in the League. The infield will be strong defensively and also should do some fair hitting.

The most promising of the rookies is Scheer, who was purchased from Hartford last year. This youngster is one of the best fielders we ever have seen in any place.

Frank Brazil is here again and has been suffering with a sore arm. His hitting is very good and he probably will be carried as a pinch hitter. Marland, a semi-pro from Chester, Pa., shows promise of developing into a big leaguer, but needs a couple of more years' experience.

The outfield will consist of Tim Walker, left; Welsh and Miller, center; and Watt, right. Walker, although one of the oldest men on the club, has been showing unusual pep and is working harder than any of the others.

Malone and Hughes need more experience.

TAKING it all in all, the Athletics should be a better ball club than last year. There is a different spirit among the men and they seem to be perfectly satisfied. It is doubtful if the A's had in eighty place this year.

NEW ACREAGE FOR LANERCH LINKS

Five-Year Building Program for Championship Course—Five Holes Open in Spring

JOHN BEADLE ON TEAM

By SANDY McNBILICK

THE Lanerch Country Club, after a period of comparative inactivity last year, is getting under way for the new season with a bang.

The fashion in early clubbing seems to lean very strongly this month to new locker rooms. Nearly every club examined seems to be adding to its facilities in this direction.

A \$15,000 addition is being hitched to the already roomy locker quarters. There'll be additional lockers and a rest room upstairs, which will be furnished by the members.

Lanerch is planning a championship course of some 6000 yards, to be completed in five years. Five of the eight holes will be opened this spring in all probability.

In most cases the greens are being greatly enlarged and shaped up to catch the shot. The tees, particularly at the short holes, are being greatly enlarged.

The Outfield

A field lying back of the long six-hole hole has been acquired which will give some forty acres more space. Because of the contour it will be possible to lay out about nine holes here eventually.

A real championship and sporty course is the ambition of Lanerch in time, and the work will progress gradually to that end.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: President, Thomas M. Fitzgerald; vice president, N. H. Weber; secretary, Paul Daniels; treasurer, W. E. Gochenauer.

The chairman of the Golf Committee is none other than Bill Carroll, the diminutive but terrific local golf star.

Bill Carroll never hesitated on any job. When he found himself in the finals for the club championship against "Bill" Beadle, he pulled out for the other's prestige and things like that.

Carroll played worm-eaten, lumps in the ground, kiss and bank shots to such effect that he shattered the data and won the title. His last season's record showed all kinds of matches in which he emerged the victor, though on the short end of the betting.

Bill Beadle, the local number one, is a former member. Beadle is high up in the "Who's Who" club of local golf.

The team will probably line up with Beadle, Carroll, John Beadle, Ben Carroll, Vic Anderson and Ed Trovelli as invaders. Those playing on the home links will probably be "Bill" Beadle, Franklin E. Hays, Ed Trovelli, James Earl Crow and another from the many candidates.

This is the way "Bob" Ransford, a former official of the club, sizes up the situation. He figures this will be one of the best teams in the city.

As for the ladies' team, the line-up will be slightly different this year, it is thought. It is said that Mrs. J. E. Bliven has joined the Country Club forces, and that Mrs. J. E. Armstrong will be unable to play for Lanerch.

Four players sure to make the 1922 team are Mrs. Paul Rankin, Mrs. Lavin Crow, Mrs. Herbert Tarr and Mrs. Albert Moore. There is quite a little new material at Lanerch, and the team is ready whenever the others are.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



TEMPORARY CUSTODIAN OF VALUABLE SECURITIES

Penn Relay Team Leaves on First Leg of Trip Abroad

Quaker Athletes Start for New York This Afternoon and Go Aboard Aquitania at Noon Tomorrow on Way to England for Race April 8

By LARRY BROWN

Captain of the University of Pennsylvania Track Team and World's Record Holder for 1000 Yards

AT 5 o'clock this afternoon the four-mile relay team will leave Philadelphia for New York, the first move of the trip that eventually will land us in London ready for the best distance runners in England.

The first to leave Philadelphia is the relay team, which will be led by Coach Lawson Robertson, Elmer McLane, Sayman Kerr, Johnny Herr, Donald Head and myself, in addition to Harold Boyd, who will act as the student representative.

Tonight in New York we will be the guests of the Pennsylvania alumni at a dinner, to which have been invited a number of athletic officials in the New York district. Coach Robertson expects to get us to bed early tonight for our last sleep on land before the trip across.

This morning while the students at the University were boistering themselves for classes the relay team went through a spirited half-mile run, on the part of the relay team, on the part of the relay team, on the part of the relay team.

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WILLS HAS PUNCH TO BEAT JACK DEMPSEY

Colored Aspirant to Heavyweight Honors Is Only One of Pack Who Has Any Shred of Chance Against Jack-the-Giant-Killer

By GRANTLAND RICE

WE HAVE been asked, here and there, why Harry Wills would provide more entertainment in a Dempsey fight than any other challenger.

Wills has two things in his favor which no other challenger has. One is a wallop that can upset even Dempsey if it lands. The other is physical strength that will hold its own.

BOTH Brennan and Carpenter cuffed Dempsey squarely on the jaw, and yet the resulting damage was slight. It showed no signs of doing any harm, the general direction of the blow. The same blow from Wills undoubtedly would knock Dempsey down, if not out.

Dempsey would have no trouble in showing such men as Carpenter, Gibbons or Greb ground. He would have an awful time in out-shoving or out-tugging Wills, who is one of the strongest men of the times.

DEMPSEY'S advantage over Wills would come from greater speed, a slightly harder punch and greater ability to take punishment. The blow that might hit Wills wouldn't beat Dempsey. But for all that Wills has more to match against the champion than any one else in the ring today. He is the only one who even carries the shred of an outside chance.

Who's Next?

AS THE new season started out from under cover around January 1 a formidable array of champions began to practice quick starts for various defensive tests.

The first to cave under was Zbyszko, wrestling champion, who drifted out of the frame in the wake of Ed Lewis, an old titleholder.

In a short while Jake Schaffer must trade merchandise with Willie Hoppe, which means that another crown is in danger.

Dempsey looks to be the safest of them all, with Benny Leonard next. Giants and Yankees are favored in the two flag races, but neither is a throughly safe bet. For they are more than to the giants.

Bill Tilden will be rated with a slight advantage against Johnston and Richards, but he will have his share of trouble.

Those who face the highest barriers are Barnes, Hutchison, Guilford and Miss Hollins at golf. For they are listed in a game that is famous for its quick reversals and its sudden shifts of form.

It is only on rare occasions that a golfer repeats, where the odds against any titleholder are at least seven to one.

Mashie Blossoms

The keel point is a quaint device that's waiting for the hook or slice. And when the golf ball settles there a scent of sulphur fills the air.

The caddy lie is mostly chance. That often wrecks the game's romance. It always gets the duffer's goat. And leaves a large loop in his throat.

The slice is an eccentric rash that cuts a good score into hash.

When McLane, who comes from Oklahoma, and Kerr, who had from Utah, heard what Lever had to say, they threw up their hands. McLane thinks that the Delaware is a vast expanse of water and he almost gets senesck when he crosses the Schuylkill in a trolley car.

Harold Booth's Lever, our star sprinter, was talking about the sea voyage he took when returning from A. E. F. the other day, and we came near losing several of our team. It had and blue to the front against the English teams.

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The St. Louis manager, ordered, and it is understood, Rickey does not excuse him on the ground that Haines lacked perfect control at the moment. In connection with his departure Rickey is reported as having said: "We must have discipline on this club." Haines is said to have asked Rickey for exclusive details as to how any pitcher can prevent the Babe from making a home run.

A flurry of rejoinders followed, one word led to another and now Haines is reported on his way home to reduce upon the importance of discipline and Babe Ruth.

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